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June 17, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ANTELOPE VALLEY
TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for the continuation of public transit services for the residents of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of the public transit services in the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2008-09.
3. Approve the County of Los Angeles' \$995,000 share of the costs of the transit services to be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.
4. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority of the County of Los Angeles' share of the cost of the transit services on a quarterly basis.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to provide for the continuation of public transit services, including fixed route, commuter, and dial-a-ride services, for residents of the County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). This action provides service to the public in a responsive manner and improves the mobility of the County unincorporated residents in the Antelope Valley.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) services is estimated to be \$35,600,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$7,120,000. The AVTA will be pursuing funding assistance such as various Federal Transit Administration grants, State grants, Proposition A Discretionary grants, and Proposition A Incentive grants for these services. Any grant funds received by the AVTA will help offset the County's share of the cost. Therefore, the County's jurisdictional share of the cost, less grants, for these services for Fiscal Year 2008-09 is estimated to be \$995,000. The necessary funds for the County's share of these services are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On February 25, 1992, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the County, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the AVTA to provide for planning, contracting, and operating the public transit services in the Antelope Valley. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was established on April 1, 1992. The operation and financing of the AVTA will continue to be governed under the auspices of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services and enhances the mobility of the County unincorporated residents who live in the Antelope Valley.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

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